

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE CONCAVITY AND CONVEXITY ON SAMPLE SURFACE, AND CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM APPARATUS

Examiner: P. A. Johnston

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2011, finally rejecting claims 12-18, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.